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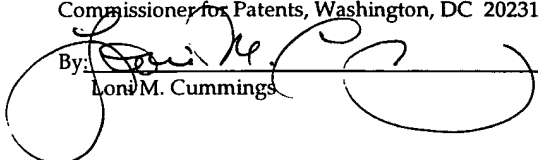
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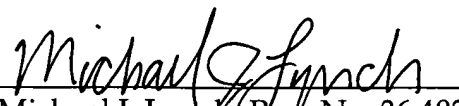
Enclosed are:

- [X] Specification (20 pages); 40 claims on pages 15-19; Abstract of the Disclosure.
- [X] Twelve (12) sheets of informal drawings.
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